

Obituaries

Marti (Martha) Lee Bradley-Kufchak

December 4, 1938 – March 3, 2016

Marti (Martha) Lee Bradley-Kufchak died March 3, 2016 with courage, grace, and good humor, of pulmonary fibrosis caused by Sjogren's Disease, at her home in Black Butte Ranch.

Marti was born December 4, 1938, in San Diego, California, to Art and Catharine Straw Bradley. Growing up in Huntington Park, she developed early study habits that helped put her on the career path she chose. Graduating from Huntington Park High School in 1956, where she was president of the Girls' League, homecoming queen, and a member of many service clubs. Her undergraduate work was completed at California State University at Long Beach, in education. She taught elementary school in that area for several years before moving to Oregon. There she earned an MS in counseling in 1975 at the University of Oregon.

Her career as a counselor was with the Corvallis Schools for five years, and with the Hillsboro School District for 20 years. In 1986, Marti traveled to Los Angeles to attend her 30th high school reunion, and reconnected with fellow high school classmate Lee Kufchak. They married a year later. Lee and Marti lived in Beaverton, where Marti continued her counseling work in Hillsboro. Marti pursued additional counseling knowledge through an

international coursework program offered through the Family Studies Institute headquartered in Portland.

Upon retirement in 2000, they built a home designed by Lee at Black Butte Ranch, and continued their 28-year extraordinary marriage. During these years, Marti learned to quilt, quickly becoming a master quilter, producing over 70 quilts in her last years. She and Lee traveled extensively in the U.S., Europe, and China, enjoying each other's company while learning about other cultures. While at Black Butte Ranch, and true to her personality, Marti was involved in the Black Butte Ranch Art Guild, the Book Club, the Investment Club, the Sew and Tell Quilters of Black Butte Ranch, and was selected as Black Butte Ranch Volunteer of the Year.

In preparation for her expected death, Marti invited friends to share their experiences with her, some of which describe her as: an indomitable spirit, very generous with her time and ideas, a quilter extraordinaire, loving and giving, smiling despite pain and adversity. She laughed, she cried, she cared, she helped, she read books, she shared, she was both talented and intelligent, a questioner, yet dedicated, compassionate, and enthusiastic. In these



ways and many others, she experienced a celebration of her life with her husband and friends.

Marti is survived by her husband, Lee; daughter, Jocelyn Lee Hess Mengueta (Jonas); and three grandchildren, Kaiona, Naya, and Micah. Her son, Jorren Hess, preceded her in death.

Her life was a model for us, as she showed us how to live while dying. Marti often spoke up to friends and acquaintances that we need to live the life we have, while we have it, enjoy each other, get involved, travel, and accept each others' differences. She leaves us with the love she gave, and was comforted by the love she received. She lives on in our hearts. All is well.

In lieu of flowers, Marti would ask you to donate to Partners In Care of Bend.

A celebration of Marti's life will be held at Sisters Community Church on April 20, 2016.

Brad Simundson

July 30, 1965 – January 23, 2016

Brad, born July 30, 1965 in Bellevue, Washington, has left this world but still lives in the hearts of his son, Aaron; daughters, Britney and Jaimee; his mother and stepfather, Kay and Bob Rozendal; brother, Jeff Simundson; and former wife Pam Simundson, as well as many other family and friends near and dear to his heart. He was preceded in death by his father, Jim Simundson.

Brad graduated from Olympic High School Silverdale, Washington, in 1982 and continued his education at Central Washington University where he received a bachelor's degree in construction management in 1986. Until 2000 he worked for various construction firms in the Kitsap area.

In hopes of raising his young children in a small town, Sisters became their home for 13 years. Brad started a successful construction business in 2000, Blue Sky Builders.

In Sisters he spent much of his time doing the things he loved most; going to his kids' sporting events, introducing them to the beautiful mountain landscape that was their backyard, and teaching them how to hunt and fish. He loved nothing more than being in the woods, camping, and playing cribbage



and poker with the people he loved. While we still think he was born to be a fur trapper on horseback, it was obvious that his tool bags suited him just as well.

In 2010 he moved to Lacey, Washington, and worked as Senior Construction Superintendent with Quadrant Corporation. In 2014 he was transferred to Poulsbo, Washington. While young at heart, Brad was always an old soul. It was the family joke that Brad would love nothing more than to return to the simpler times of centuries past. His gentle spirit and kindness will be missed by many. Brad, you have left your mark on us forever.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, March 26, at 2 p.m. at the Camp Sherman Community Hall and on Saturday, April 2, at 2 p.m. at the Port Ludlow Beach Club.

Information provided by the family of Brad Simundson.

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